

## Simple Ways to Make a Difference

- > Reduce, Reuse, Compost THEN Recycle!
- Use a reusable shopping bag!
- > Use a refillable bottle!
- ➤ Change the way you get around -- Instead of taking your car, try walking, riding a bike or carpooling.
- ➤ Change the bulbs Exchange your regular light bulbs for fluorescent bulbs in your home. They not only use less energy, but they last longer than traditional bulbs, as well.
- ➤ **Turn off the lights** -- This is really simple and easy to do. Do you really need your bedroom light on when you're in the living room? Do you leave lights on when you leave the house? Believe it or not, this makes a big difference.
- > Turn off & unplug the electronics Electronics STILL use electricity even if turned off if left plugged in!

## How can you save water?

- ➤ Water your lawn every other day during spring and summer, at the coolest time of day! (Before 10 AM or after 4PM Optimal Time = 5AM)
- ➤ Don't leave the faucet running while brushing your teeth or washing the dishes.
- > Take quick showers instead of baths!
- > Only use the dishwasher or washing machine when it's full!
- ➤ Repair leaky faucets and toilets



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## **Recycling Information**

You can help our effort in making environmental stewardship a part of the fabric of North Hempstead by following these simple instructions to help protect and save our environment!

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<u>Item</u>	How to Prepare for Recycling	What is NOT Recyclable
Glass	Beverage bottles and food jars Rinse all residue and place in your recycling bin. Remove all caps or lids and discard in your regular garbage. Labels do not need to be removed.	Light bulbs*, window and auto glass, mirrors, dishes, drinking glasses, broken glass, pottery or clay pots.
Metal	Food and beverage cans, aluminum foil, baking tins and license plates. Rinse all residue and place in your recycling bin. Place one license plate in bin per week. Blackout numbers with black marker.	Cans used for chemicals or paint, aerosol spray cans**, Appliances, electronic waste (e-waste), batteries* or tools.
Plastic	Plastic items containing food, beverages, laundry detergent, personal care products, cleaning supplies with the numbers 1,2,4,5 & 6 in the recycling triangle normally found imprinted on the bottom of the container. Rinse all residue and flatten then place in your recycling bin.  EMPTY CONTENTS AND WASH THOROUGHLY.	Bulk plastic such as toys, lawn furniture. Styrofoam, foam egg cartons, foam packing peanuts, flexible frozen food, meat trays, plastic grocery bags, six pack holders (cut before discarding) plastic shower curtains, plastic containers used for motor oil, paint, corrosive chemicals, solvents and lawn care products***.
Paper	Newspapers & inserts, magazines & catalogs, office & school paper, index cards, telephone books, paperback books, Hard cover books***, computer paper, discarded mail, paper grocery and lunch bags.  Paper must be tied with string and placed in a paper bag or you can purchase a paper bin from the Town of North Hempstead for \$10.00.	Paper plates or paper cups, paper towels, non-paper envelopes.
Cardboard	Corrugated cardboard, <b>clean</b> pizza boxes, cereal boxes, pasta boxes without plastic windows or other food boxes (Clean and with the plastic interior bag removed), and folders. Corrugated cardboard must be flattened and tied in bundles 2 ft. x 2 ft. x 6 in. & place next to recycling bin.	Cardboard with wax or Styrofoam.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Please do **NOT** use garbage cans or plastic bags for recyclables.

\*Lithium, rechargeable, button and compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs), appliances, electronic waste are at accepted Monday – Friday at the Solid Waste Management Authority, 802 West Shore Road, Port Washington from 8:00am – 4:00pm and on Sundays at the Resident Drop-off at 999 West Shore Rd, Roslyn from 7:30am – 3:30pm

- \*\* Aerosol spray cans will be accepted for recycling at S.T.O.P. events only.
- \*\*\* Hardcover books can be brought every Sunday to the Resident Drop-off

**REMINDER: Thoroughly Rinse Before You Recycle!** 

